# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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CASES OF SILICOSIS DISEASE
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether cases of silicosis are increasing, particularly among the mining workers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of such cases reported during the last three years and the current year and the number of persons died, State/ UT-wise including Rajasthan;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any survey in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details alongwith the findings thereof and the steps taken/ proposed by the Government to control the cases of silicosis in the country?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)&(b): No.

(c): The data regarding Silicosis is not centrally maintained. However, as required under Section 25(2) of the Mines Act, 1952, the Mines registered/notified have reported only one case of Silicosis to Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS) during the last three years and the current year including Rajasthan. The case reported pertains to the State Odisha.

(d)&(e): Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS) has not conducted any survey in this regard during the last five years. Adequate statutory provisions for safety, health and welfare of workers already exist under the Mines Act, 1952 and rules and regulations framed thereunder. The Statutes stipulate a system approach to identify, assess and prevent hazards at the workplace so as to reduce injuries and occupational diseases.